## Learn to share California Native history and culture!



### To become a docent you need:

- A positive, enthusiastic attitude about history & people
- Willingness to share your skills and knowledge with visitors
- To donate a minimum of seven hours per month for one year after completion of training

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## State Indian Museum State Historic Park

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## Welcome!



The State Indian Museum is part of the family

of parks operated by the State of California, and supported by the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation. We look forward to transitioning into the long-awaited California Indian Heritage Center, located in West Sacramento.

Visit our website for more information: www.parks.ca.gov/cihc.

### What is a docent?

Docents are highly trained volunteers who interpret cultural, natural, and recreational resources for visitors to State Parks. One of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of becoming a docent is the opportunity for ongoing education. Each docent is encouraged to add his or her own unique and individual approach and experiences. Because docents are trained to enhance the educational experience of visitors, they provide a valuable service to tourists and school children alike.

### What do docents do?

- Answer questions, provide exhibit interpretation, and guide school groups
- Conduct outreach classes for local schools
- Demonstrate Native skills and participate in skills activities
- Provide assistance at special events
- Conduct research and coordinate special projects

## **Docent training includes:**

 A comprehensive look at California Native history & culture

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In-depth study of the art of interpretation

Whether you know very little or a lot about Native culture and history, you will have the opportunity to learn more and share it with our visitors. To help you feel comfortable with this complex subject, 6-8 weeks of special training (3 hours per week) will be provided. In addition, the State Indian Museum has a reference library and staff available on an ongoing basis for continued learning. Periodic field trips to Native events and culture sites provide additional experience; there are also fun and educational social events throughout the year.

Come join our docent family and learn what it means to be a California State Parks docent!





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